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In order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is notified of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

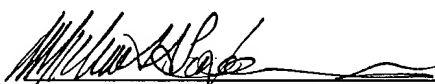
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), on information and belief each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (PCT/US01/32614) not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

In view of the above, no further translation or statement of relevance is required, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents and make them of record.

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